

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 12 and 13 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-11 and 14-32 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants submit a paper copy of the Sequence Listing that includes no new material that goes beyond the application as originally filed. That is, the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in application 09/986,992, filed November 13, 2001. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the present application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

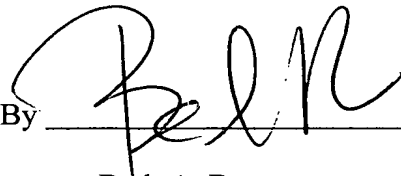
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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